

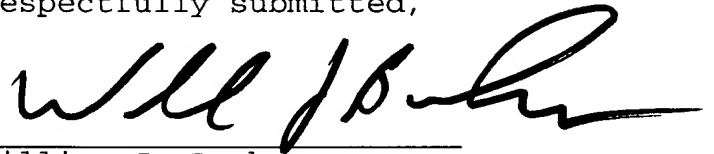
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REMARKS

The claims are amended to eliminate all preambles and the "characterized in that" clause.

Reconsideration and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WJ Barber', written over a horizontal line.

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